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## CARDIN, MIKULSKI ANNOUNCE \$800,000 HUD GRANT TO IMPROVE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GREEN LINE CORRIDOR

Washington, DC – **U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski** (Both D-MD) today announced that the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission, in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and Economic Development Corporation, has been awarded \$800,000 under the *HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant Program*. Funds will be used to plan for the expansion of the corridor around Prince George's County's four southern Metro Green Line stations. The goal is to attract new federal and spin-off office tenants and mixed-income housing, facilitated by an efficient and effective multimodal transportation system.

"Prince George's County is a great place to live and work. I am proud that we're investing federal funds in projects that will help further economic development and bring jobs to our local communities. These resources will lay the groundwork for future economic growth and stronger neighborhoods through smart, locally driven revitalization programs," said Senator Cardin, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee.

"This grant is great news for Prince George's County. But this project means more than transportation. It means people can live and work all in the same neighborhood," **Senator Mikulski** said. "I will keep fighting to put money in the federal checkbook for the innovative programs in Prince George's County that provide the jobs and opportunities of tomorrow."

This project will develop a corridor action plan for the southern end of the Metro Green Line. The plan will assess existing conditions (including quality of life), establish market-driven strategies, and prepare a phased implementation program for transit-oriented development at the Southern Avenue, Naylor Road, Suitland and Branch Avenue Metro stations.

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